

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. May 5, 2009. Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Hunter, Vice-Mayor Hinners, Mr. Vilardo Jr., Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Pschesang and Ms. Brewer. Absent: Ms. McBeath. Ms. Hinners made the motion to excuse Ms. McBeath due to family illness, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Remarks from the Mayor: Mayor Hunter reminded residents that the National Day of Prayer would be on Thursday, May 7th at 9am in front of City Hall.

Minutes: Ms. McBeath made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the corrected minutes of the April 21, 2009 Regular Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: None

Public Comments: Karen Huff, Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce ask prayers for Corey Nickell and his family. Cory is in ICU at Children's Hospital. Ms. Huff gave an update on the services for Staff Sgt. Wojciechowski.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services No Report

Administrative Services: No Report.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: Mr. Hawkins reported that the Committee met on April 30, 2009. Present: Bryan Hawkins and Kim McBeath. Staff present: City Manager Rokey and Assistant City Manager Holbrook. Also present: residents Geoff Pittman, Doug Disbennett, Tammy Pschesang, Charlie Evans and Linda Fitzgerald, LSR,

Linda Fitzgerald addressed the committee regarding the Downtown Revitalization Master Plan. This was last updated in 1995 and is necessary to be eligible to compete for Community Block Grant funding at the state level. Linda reviewed the recommendations and stressed that this is only a guide, not mandatory or cut in stone. It is understood that it offers a pick and choose approach based on the staff and financial resources available.

Prior to the May 22nd pre-application deadline, City Council is asked to pass a Resolution to adopt the plan so it can be included in submittal.

The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to make application for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$16,000 for Façade Improvements. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes. The Committee also agreed to motion to draft a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to make application for the Community Block Grade Program in the amount of \$54,792 for playground equipment. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. The Committee agreed to motion to draft a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to make application for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$51,390 for Civil Defense sirens. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes. Mr. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners that a Pre-Application Draft is made of the Community Development Block Grant Program. All voted yes.

Geoff Pittman addressed the Committee as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee and provided a summary of the results of the South Milford Overlay Survey. 175 surveys were distributed and 59 citizens responded. The majority (72%) was in favor of exploring methods of preserving the character of homes in South Milford, yet also said that the current zoning is adequate or too strict. The Committee requested further direction from city council regarding the following issues: A geographic definition of the "South Milford" area; what options would City Council be interested in supporting?; is City Council willing to consider the concept of new overlays for specific areas of Milford?; How should information gathering proceed? What resources are available to guide the process?

Mr. Pittman addressed the Council and stressed that it was not their committee's mission to decide, it was only to gather information. Community Development will bring this discussion forward at the next meeting of City Council.

Mayor Hunter thanked Mr. Pittman for his work in the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Pittman thanked Jennifer Liles for putting the report together.

A discussion continued with Council members. Mr. Pittman stated that direction was needed. Ms. Holbrook will be looking into the update with recommendations from staff,

Andy Dickerson said the committee only wanted help to benefit Milford and not to split Milford.

The Manager provided correspondence from Walter H. Drane Company regarding the annual codification of ordinances. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance approving and editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Milford Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

A discussion was held on the vacancy in the Planning Commission. Four applications were received. Ron Burke, Dale Roe, Oliver Roe and Theresa Conover. A discussion was held among Council whether to vote at tonight's meeting or wait until the next meeting so that the candidates could appear before Council. Mr. Vilardo, Jr. made a motion that Council vote on the candidates at tonight's meeting, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Vilardo, Jr., Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Voting no: Mr. Pschesang. Law Director Minniear passed out ballots to each council member explaining that a majority vote would be needed. There would be three ballots taken and if no majority was reached the voting will be at the next Council meeting. After Mr. Minniear tallied the ballots 1, 2, and 3, no majority was reached, each ballot was the same, 3 votes for Mr. Burke, 1 votes for Ms. Conover and 2 votes for Oliver Roe.

The Manager noted that a direct link has been added to our website to the Clermont County Health Department for updated information regarding the Swine Flu.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department has been mowing and trimming City-owned property and parks. Special attention is being given to Memorial Park and Greenlawn Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. The Department has also noticed an increase in brush pick up due to residential yard work. We do have rules for collection to keep the process manageable and safe for our employees. The rules are posted on our website.

Next week the Service Department will be involved with preparations for the Thundering Hearts event on May 16th.

The ODOT project was re-bid at 15% over the engineer's estimate. The City must absorb an additional \$28,000 toward the base cost of the project. I must let them know whether the City is interested in pursuing the bid alternatives for pavement markings or the lighted crosswalk. The Garfield Force Main will cross the Main Street intersection where the pavement markings are proposed. Ms. Rokey recommended that we hold this project for a letter date. Council recommended that there would be no lighted crosswalk at Elm Street.

The Wastewater Department reported that the separation of all of its Combined Sewers has been completed per OPEA mandate. The permit should be received this week for the "Permit to Install" for the Garfield Force Main Project.

Water Department Supervisor, Matt Newman, requested authorization to purchase 200 Radio Read meters from Metron Farnier in the amount of \$20,000. This is included in the budget and would be split between the Water and Wastewater Departments. Some repairs and painting have been done in the basement of the plant.

A hydrant and curb box was repaired on High St. on April 29th with the water shut off for 7 hours. An emergency leak was also repaired on Main St. May 1st with a shut off for about 7 hours to only one customer. The Department has been working to photograph curb stops to go with as-built drawings.

The Finance Department and the City Manager have interviewed several candidates for the Finance Specialist position. We hope to have a final candidate by the end of the week.

Solid Waste and Recycling – As a community in 2008 Milford residents recycled 449.54 tons of material from the Rumpke landfill. Increasing our rate of recycling is one of the easiest things that Milford can do to make a difference.

Alley Access – Please be cautious and help us keep alleys clear of debris and overgrown foliage for visibility and safety of our residents. This will allow easy access for the garbage and recycling trucks to complete their routes efficiently.

OTHER ITEMS – Mayor Hunter spoke at Pattison Elementary on May 1st at their Arbor Day observance. The students participated in a tree planting. The City would like to thank Rick Hannah of Davey Tree for the donation and planting of the Swamp Oak Tree.

OEEF Grant – The City of Milford received an Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant from the Ohio OEPA. The grant supported a project to label 200 storm drains and distribute 600 door hangers in an effort to increase awareness and prevent pollution in our local streams and rivers. On May 15th and 16th Susan Ellerhorst will greet volunteers at City Hall at 10am. “No dumping: Drains to East For River” markers and hanger informational flyers will be put on doorknobs. Mayor Hunter thanked Susan Ellerhorst for her help. PATTISON ELEMENTARY RAIN GARDEN – Excavation will begin on May 7th by the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District for a rain garden. It is a popular way to reduce nonpoint sources pollution and protect our lakes and streams.

VACATION REMINDERS – While your on vacation keep in mind that your garbage and recycling wheelers must be removed from the curb or alley within 24 hours. Make certain no water is running in your home if you are leaving. A leaking toilet can use several thousand gallons of water and both sewer and water will be billed to the account. The police recommend that you stop your mail and newspapers and leave lights on in your home.

Committee Meetings

Admin. Services Com.	Monday, May 11, 2009	6:30pm
Public Services Com.	Tuesday, May 12, 2009	5:30pm

Reminders

National Day of Prayer	Thursday, May 7, 2009	8:00am
Spring Yard Sale	Fri.-Sun. May 15 th – 17 th - No permit needed	
Thundering Hearts	Saturday, May 16, 2009	9:30am – 12 Noon
City Offices Closed	Monday, May 25, 2009 – Memorial Day	
Community Shred	Saturday, May 30, 2009 Medical Soc, Ser. Bldg. Batavia	9-1:30
Frontier Days	June 4 th – June 7 th	
Parks & Recreation	Monday, June 8, 2009	5:30pm
Planning Commission	Wednesday, June 10, 2009	6:00pm
Citizens Housing	Monday, June 15, 2009	7:00pm

Police Report: Chief Machan reported on the robbery that occurred at Bob Evans. This still is an ongoing investigation. He also reported that Officer Paul Lane and Officer Megan Bovenci were nominated for the Don and Jean Ackermann Award for Community Service.

Fire/EMS Report: No Report

Council Comments: Ms. Hinnners commented that residents remember the National Day of Prayer on May 7th. Also the Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on May 13th.

Mr. Hunter thanked the St. Mark’s Lutheran volunteer organization where he presented a Proclamation at their volunteer luncheon. Mr. Hunter stated the Vanessa Hannah’s term of office for the Parks & Recreation Commission is due to expire. Ms. Hannah is willing to continue on the Commission. Mr. Hunter made the motion that Vanessa Hannah be appointed to another term on the Parks & Recreation Commission, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

Mr. Hawkins asked if we had a date for the Financial Update Report?

Ms. Brewer made a motion that during June, July and August 2009 that Council only meet on the first Tuesday of the month, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

09-551 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to make application for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$16,000 for Façade Improvements.

Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

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Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

09-743 An Ordinance Approving and Editing and Inclusion of certain Ordinances as part of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Milford Ohio and Declaring an Emergency.

Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes. Mr. Hunter made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Old Business: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with a motion from Mr. Vilaro Jr., seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor